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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For : SYNTHETIC CORK WITH TAPERED EDGE BY HEAT SHRINKING AND METHOD THEREOF  
Group Art Unit : 1791  
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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

SIR:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement contained in the Office Action dated December 24, 2008, **Applicants elect without traverse Group I (claims 1-14 and 16)**, drawn to a method of treating a closure.

Applicants hereby request a **three-month extension of time** to respond to the Office Action of December 24, 2008, which set a one-month period for response. The extended period for response expires on April 24, 2009. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$1,110.00 three-month extension fee to the Kenyon & Kenyon LLP Deposit Account No. **11-0600**. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, deposit account number 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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